

WHEAT BILL MEETS GENERAL OPPOSITION

While Proposal for Guaranteeing Farmers is Favorable Administration's Bill is Objected to.

LEVER IS NOT IN ACCORD

Chairman of House Committee Says It Is Too Broad—Dealers Appear As Witnesses at Hearing.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 3.—A bill before the Senate, appearing today before the house agriculture committee, proposed that the government pay the government price of 12½ cents to the cotton mill which grows cotton to the extent of 100,000 bales, holding for a year, at a price which would be about 11½ cents. The wheatmen generally believed this plan would cost the government probably \$100,000,000, and a quarter dollar less than this loss was preferable to any attempt on the part of the government to maintain an artificial price.

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The committee was holding hearings on the bill prepared by A. W. Gleason, counsel for the food administration, in co-operation with the department of agriculture. The dealers strongly opposed continuation of the food administration's grain corporation as provided in the bill. They urged, instead, continued control of the market by the government, but said this was feasible with the exception of wheat.

Chairman Lever also announced his disapproval of the measure as drawn, declaring that it granted broader powers than those of the food control act. J. P. Gates of the Chicago board of trade, declared the proposal was "vicious," while grain dealers testified that Mr. Gleason had disregarded their suggestions and drafted a bill unnecessarily broad and concurring too much power on one official.

OFFICIALS CONFLICT ON OVERSEAS RATES

NEW YORK. Feb. 4.—The recent reductions in ocean freight rates announced by British steamship lines and the United States shipping board were preceded by conferences and a complete understanding as to the necessity for the new tariffs, according to A. E. Clegg, assistant director of operations of the shipping board.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 3.—Reductions in ocean freight rates made during the last 10 days on cargoes carried in American bottoms have been forced by British shipping interests. John H. Rosseiter, director of the shipping board's division of ocean rates, told yesterday after reading a statement of A. E. Clegg, his assistant in charge of the New York office, that the cuts followed conferences between officials of both nations.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS COMPANY

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company will be held on Wednesday, February 26th, 1919, at 10 o'clock West Fourth street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. For the purpose of discussing the company's financial condition, of electing officers, and receiving and airing upon the reports of the officers, and for the transaction of other business.

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